

FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 5, 1858.

The Merchants of Washington appear to be much opposed to Mr. Slidell's bill in relation to the Banks of the District of Columbia.

We learn from an exchange that the mammoth fox chase of the season, with one hundred and forty dogs, drawn from the best-trained "packs" of fox hounds in Eastern Virginia, and huntsmen "according," with a fox already "spotted" for the occasion, was to have come off at the Old Church Hotel, Hanover county, yesterday (Thursday.)

During the month just closed there were thirty-three fires in the United States, so far as accounts have been received, occasioning a loss of \$1,642,000. The principal were as follows: Downieville, California, \$490,000; Dubuque, Iowa, (two fires,) \$210,000; Chicago, \$100,000; Hartford, \$100,000.

Amongst the business done by the Senate, on Wednesday, in Executive session, was the confirmation of James Madison Cutts, as Second Comptroller of the Treasury, and of that of George Vail, lately a member of Congress from New Jersey, as Consul at Glasgow in Scotland.

tions that they have "the highest respect for Mr. Davis' abilities," but "his political antecedents" are not such as to commend his appointment to their approbation. The question naturally arises, What have the Society to do with "political antecedent?" It is not probable that Mr. Davis will deliver a political speech, and, having been elected when his antecedents were as well known as they are now, it would have been more dignified and courteous in the young gentlemen to let the matter alone after the election.—*Shannon Spectator.*

our city is as woe-be-gone as they had lost their last dollar, when we more than half suspect is the case. We are utterly opposed to all such crude sporting, and while our State pride in other matters always prompts us to wish success to our own State, we must say in this instance we feel rather gratified than otherwise at the result, and if the Georgians should go to Alabama to fight the battle over again, we hope that they will be whipped in every fight, and come back checked as noked as a young bird, of all their surplusage.

The N. York Sun says:—Accounts from the Hartz mountains state that the district of Chautalch is suffering from an unprecedented dearth of water; the natives had left off washing their hands and faces more than once a week, and the authorities of the place having imposed a fine of two thalers on all laundresses who persist in pursuing their trade. Great quantities of cattle were dying from thirst, and a few of the community, who are unable to forego cleanliness, use beer to perform their ablutions."

number of gentlemen, of whom it was one, were returning from a ride. His horse ran off and threw him, and he fell. He was subjected to great violence against a tree and fell. One arm was broken and he was unconscious. He was taken to the residence of J. H. Henry Warner, where the accident occurred, where he received every attention which a general practice could suggest, and we are confident it is doing well.—*Planter's Advocate*